

I am aghast that Sinclair Broadcasting has decided to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. It is a clearly a partisan decision and exemplary of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when smearing a candidate who offers the only viable option to a a future of war and lost civil rights under Republicans, the public interest is not served. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and around the world who are suffering under the present administration's policies.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.